

higher Mess charges whenever the prices increase?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). No such scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Welfare.

Shortage of Power In Haryana

2809. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHRI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any gas based power plant in Haryana preferably near Delhi to meet power shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATHRAI): (a) to (c). A proposal has been received from National Thermal Power Corporation for setting up a gas based combined cycle power project (800 MW) in Faridabad district of Haryana. The proposal has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority subject to certain conditions including gas linkage, clearance from environment and forests angle etc. Ministry of Environment and Forests has accorded its clearance for the project in June, 1990. The project was considered by the Central Electricity Authority for variable load operation. A decision has since been taken that the gas power stations should operate on base load. The project will require tying up of gas linkage for operation under base load. The present estimated cost of the project including associated transmission system is Rs. 1349.11 crores based on 4th quarter 1990 price level.

Intruders from Pakistan

2810. SHRI V.S. VJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI GOPI NATH
GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of intruders from Pakistan arrested since last four months;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to close all the sensitive borders in this connection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

(b) and (c). Several steps have been taken to improve the vigil on the border. These include construction of fencing and floodlighting, reducing gaps between border outposts, increasing petrols and nakas, construction of OP Towers; providing night vision devices and other electronic equipments to BSF; erecting wire obstacles etc.

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Doordarshan to Compete B.B.C. and C.N.N.

2812. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan is unable